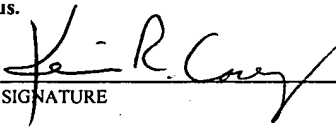
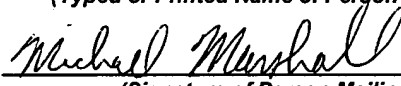


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TITLE OF INVENTION A TRIPOD FOR SUPPORTING APPARATUS IN GENERAL AND, IN PARTICULAR, FOR OPTICAL OR PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS AND THE LIKE			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Paolo Spegiorin			
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